

Preferential Class Selection FAQs

Do I need to log in as soon as preferences open?

No. There is no advantage to logging in early. As long as you submit your preferences before they close, you will have the same chance as everybody else of getting your preferred classes.

Will logging in early increase my chance of getting the classes I want?

No. As long as you submit your preferences before they close, you will have the same chance as everybody else of getting your preferred classes.

When can I submit my preferences?

You can find the class allocation dates on the [Course Timetable webpage](#).

Why are early allocations no longer available to Elite Athletes and Performers, eligible Education Inclusion Plan students, PASS Leaders and Student Veterans? Will I still get the classes I need with preferential class selection?

Eligible students who were previously allowed to allocate early will still be given priority in the class selection process. These students will now submit their preferences during the standard preference period, but will be prioritised during the sorting and class allocation process.

What are my chances of getting my first preferences?

Your chance of getting your first preference will depend on

- How popular the class is
- How many classes are available

The percentage figure beside the preference drop down shows how many people have selected this class as their first preference. Figures higher than 100% show that there are more preferences than there are places. You can still preference an over-subscribed class but might miss out on a place.

How many preferences do I need to submit?

You must submit at least 6 preferences. If there are fewer than 6 classes, you must preference them all. You will not be able to continue if you haven't submitted enough preferences.

You will not be able to submit more than 10 preferences.

What happens if I don't submit any preferences?

After the timetable has been released, you will be able to log in and select your classes from the available places. If you haven't selected any classes by the Friday before teaching starts, the system will allocate you to classes.

Will Allocate+ be open in Read Only?

No, there is now no need for Read Only access. You can take your time planning your preferred timetable during the preference period. If you submit your preferences before they close, you won't be disadvantaged.

Can I change my preferences?

Yes. You can change your preferences at any time while preferences are open.

Will I be able to change my classes later?

Yes. Once your timetable has been released, you will be able to move to any class with available places or request a swap.

When will I find out if I got my preferred classes?

You can find the class allocation dates on the [Course Timetable webpage](#).

What can I do if I don't get my first preference?

Once the timetable has been published, you will be able to move to any class with available places or request a swap.

How will the preference system handle clashes?

You will not be placed into a class that clashes with a class that you've already been allocated to. There is a small chance that the system will not be able to find a clash-free solution and will not be able to allocate you to a class. If this happens, please contact AskACU.

If I didn't get my first preference for one class, will it increase my chances for another class?

No. Preferences are sorted one class at a time.

Will I need to submit preferences where there is only one class available, e.g. lectures?

No. You will be automatically allocated to any classes where there is only one option before preferences open.

Why can't I submit preferences for some or all of my classes?

There are three possible reasons:

- Because there's only one available class
- Some schools allocate their students to classes to manage placements, or for other reasons. Check Allocate+ for messages
- You cannot select a PASS Class until the second teaching week.

How do I enter preferences for streamed classes?

Your school will manage class allocations for streamed classes.

Why do I have to wait so long after I put my preferences in before I get my timetable?

Students are given up to two weeks to submit preferences to make sure everybody gets a go. Then we spend a week sorting preferences and managing allocations.

Why do I have to select classes for Semester 2 when teaching is currently all online?

Despite the current move to online teaching in response to COVID-19, you will still be selecting your classes in Allocate+ for Semester 2. This will allow us to be ready to resume face-to-face teaching as soon as it is safe.

Staff only

Can I still manually put a student in a class if there's a good reason

Yes, this will be unchanged.

Buffers, constraints and messages

If you have questions about using Allocate+, ask the Timetabling team.